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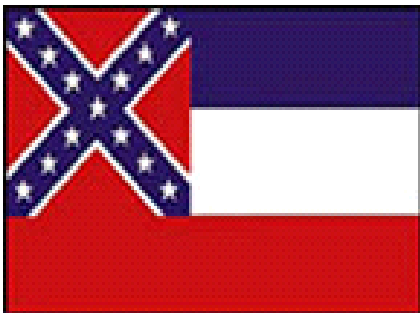
## July Meeting Confederate Arizona

The July meeting will feature Past Division Commander Allen Terrell who will speak on the Confederate Territory of Arizona.

Everyone come and bring guests, especially new recruits!

**When:** July 28, 2015. 5:30 pm.  
**Where:** Municipal Art Gallery, State St., Jackson.

*See you there!*



*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.*

*Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.*

*As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.*

*If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

*These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

*This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.*

*Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*

**John 15:7-13**  
(KJV)

## June Meeting Report

### Civil War Medicine

The program was a presentation by Dr. David Harris, retired Public Health Service physician, on medicine during the war. This was a joint meeting with the W.D. Holder Chapter UDC. The UDC ladies provided the refreshments. Thank you ladies!

### Heritage

Consider the following observations about heritage:

Our whole constitutional heritage rebels at the thought of giving government the power to control men's minds. --Thurgood Marshall

A concerted effort to preserve our heritage is a vital link to our cultural, educational, aesthetic, inspirational, and economic legacies - all of the things that quite literally make us who we are. -- Steve Berry (best-selling author)

The name of 'reform' simply covers what is latently a process of the theft of the national heritage. --Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn (Substitute 'political correctness' for 'reform' for our current situation.)

My heritage has been my grounding, and it has brought me peace. --Maureen O'Hara

## Rebel Ramblings

by Robert Murphree

**PRETENSE:** (noun)--a false reason or excuse; a pretext.

Let me see if I have this straight: an obviously deranged person in South Carolina, a demented racist, starts shooting in a church, killing nine helpless, innocent people, and the resulting national uproar is directed at . . . the Confederate flag? Why? Because the lunatic that committed this foul deed had a Confederate flag on his license plate.

Since when did we start to let national debates be ignited by the acts of a crazy person? Since when did we invest and accord the acts of a lunatic with gravity, symbolism, influence and importance? How appropriate it is that the catalyst for this insanity is indeed the actions of a deranged man. Still, the perpetrator has not gained half the blame and censure that the poor Confederate flag has, and it had no more to do with this outrage than I did. But the "never let a good tragedy go to waste" crowd has used this tragedy as a pretense for trying to drive another nail in the coffin of public appreciation of our Confederate ancestors. It is breathtaking in its unfairness, its sheer stupidity, and the non sequitur.

We are told the flag must go because Mr. Roof put it on his license tag; because it is sometimes displayed by racist groups. Does our flag have any control over who uses--and misuses it? When did we begin to approve the practice of killing the messenger when we don't like the message? Racist groups use other symbols we cherish, such as the American flag and the cross of Christ. Who would argue this misuse should be fatal to the cross, to the American flag? But most importantly, letting a racist group or a deranged racist unilaterally determine what symbols are acceptable is giving those persons an influence and prestige they don't deserve.

My heart runs out to those poor victims and to their families and every person interested in Confederate history condemns their murder in the strongest possible terms. Can anyone doubt that every single leader the Confederacy had would join in this condemnation? Why the very idea of Lee, Jackson, Davis,

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## Calendar

### July 28, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### August 25, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### September 22, 2015

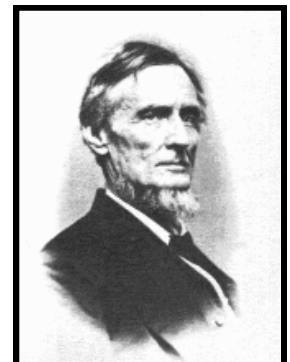
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### October 27, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery

### November 24, 2015

Regular meeting of Camp 635 at the Municipal Art Gallery



# Chaplain's Dispatch

Dear Friends and Compatriots:

## **Christian Soldier's Ethics**

"Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer." Romans 12:12 (Holman)

As our ancestors came home after the war, do you think they discovered this verse? Have you discovered this verse for your life journey?

Sincerely,

Rev. Glenn D. Shows  
Chaplain

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Hampton, Forrest condoning these foul murders is absurd.

But fellows, nobody will benefit from the hue and cry being unleashed on our Confederate symbols and heritage. Just the opposite: a disturbing trend to bend history to fit current concepts of political correctness will be reinforced. A false narrative about what our Confederate ancestors did and why they did it will be cemented in the public eye. Worst of all, giving uproars like this one superficial gravity detracts from the real problems facing our society and deflects public attention from seeking solutions. Will eliminating the Confederate flag reduce the rate of illegitimate births in Mississippi? Will a new flag lower the high school dropout rate? Will the absence of Confederate symbols improve the distressingly high number of children in our state that live in single parent homes? What about lowering the crime rate or creating more and better jobs? Of course not and even holding out hope of positive answers to any of these issues by adopting a new state flag is a cruel hoax and a gross fraud on the public.

Politicians who should know better have jumped on the anti-flag bandwagon like lemmings running to the sea. People who do indeed know better and should have more backbone. Mr. Churchill related an incident about when he was young his parents

took him to a carnival show where one act was "The Boneless Wonder." He said his parents thought this was too much for his young eyes and he had for years wondered what "The Boneless Wonder" looked like. Well, Winston, where you alive today you need only look at Phillip Gunn, Thad Cochran, Roger Wicker and others to finally see an appearance of "The Boneless Wonder." One of the main backers of the anti-flag movement is MoveOn.org, so be sure and ask Gunn, Wicker, etc. just when they got in bed with MoveOn.org.

So what we are dealing with here is cynical, crass opportunism in the lowest, meanest sense--using a horrible tragedy as a pretext to accomplish a long-sought goal. No surprise here, these groups make no claim to intellectual honesty. They are like the death penalty opponents who--surprise, surprise--find every method of imposing the death penalty to be "cruel and unusual." At least they are consistent; it's the desertion of people who we thought were more rational that I cannot forgive.

The people of Mississippi do not want to change their state flag. When given the chance some years ago the people voiced their support for the present flag in the strongest possible terms. I cannot discern any change in this sentiment and if asked again the people will give the same reply. In the meantime it seems to me the best course is to remain low key and let passions die down and hopefully common sense will re-assert itself.

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A former slave and Confederate soldier, now an elected official of Mississippi, defending the South's honor. Not only did he vote in favor of the passage of this bill, but his address led all six black Republican representatives in voting favorably of the same. Indeed Southerners of Color, are Southerners nonetheless. We honor John F. Harris for his example and integrity, as well as his love of the South land, despite the hardships he no doubt endured.

**Taken from the Facebook page of "Defending the Heritage."**

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**Trivia Question:**

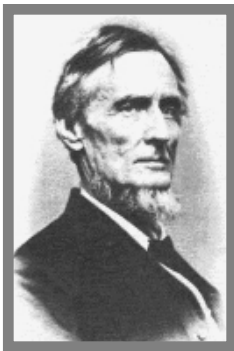
This month's question asks:

Do you know which Confederate flag is the "Stars and Bars"? Many southerners and some SCV members don't know as evidenced by their comments in the news.

June's question asked:

As we know, the South had many disadvantages ... What was the one advantage the South had over the North?

The answer: The South had many more West Point-trained and experienced senior officers.



**Commander's Column**

Commander Jackson has no column this month

***A reprise of an article from last August, very fitting for our time today:***

When you see a Confederate flag, remember a former slave by the name of John F. Harris. In 1890, twenty-five years after the war, Mr. Harris was serving as a Mississippi representative in the House of Representatives. During his term, a bill came before the house to erect a monument to the Confederate soldiers of Mississippi. Mr. Harris could have remained silent and coasted along the easy road of "political correctness," but his burning bravery wouldn't allow such cowardice. Here's what he said when he took the floor:

"Mr. Speaker! I have risen here in my place to offer a few words on the bill. I have come from a sick bed . . . perhaps it was not prudent for me to come. But, sir, I could not rest quietly in my room without . . . contributing . . . a few remarks of my own. I was sorry to hear the speech of the young gentleman from Marshall County. I am sorry that any son of a soldier should go on record as opposed to the erection of a monument in honor of the brave dead. And, sir, I am convinced that had he seen what I saw at Seven Pines and in the Seven Days' fighting around Richmond, the battlefield covered with the mangled forms of those who fought for their country and for their country's honor, he would not have made that speech. . . . When the news came that the South had been invaded, those men went forth to fight for what they believed, and they made no requests for monuments . . . But they died, and their virtues should be remembered. Sir, I went with them. I too wore the gray, the same color my master wore. We stayed four long years, and if that war had gone on till now I would have been there yet . . . I want to honor those brave men who died for their convictions. When my mother died I was a boy. Who, Sir, then acted the part of a mother to an orphaned slave boy, but my old missus? Were she living now, or could speak to me from those high realms where are gathered the sainted dead, she would tell me to vote for this bill. And, Sir, I shall vote for it. I want it known to all the world that my voice is given in favor of the bill to erect a monument in honor of the Confederate dead."

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